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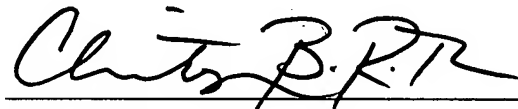
Entry of the amendment, which expressly claims the benefit of a prior filed provisional application and examination on the merits of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 3 and 8 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 9-23 remain pending.

Respectfully submitted,

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